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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Valencia Water Company (U342W) a Corporation, for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service in Order to Realize Increased Annual Revenues of \$4,013,000 or 15.97% in a Test Year Beginning January 1, 2014, \$858,000 or 2.93% in a Test Year Beginning January 1, 2015, and \$1,270,000 or 4.23% in an Escalation Year Beginning January 1, 2016, and to Make Further Changes and Additions to Its Tariff for Water Service and for other Items as Requested in this Application.

Application 13-01-003
(Filed January 2, 2013)

And Related Matters.

Application 13-01-004
Case 13-01-005
Investigation 13-04-003

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in Case 13-01-005 to December 20, 2014.

Background

Before the Commission in Application (A.) 03-01-003 et al. are four consolidated proceedings: a general rate case,¹ a cost of capital request,² a complaint challenging a transfer of ownership,³ and our own investigation.⁴ Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of the date that they are initiated unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. The 12-month deadline for resolving the complaint component of the consolidated proceeding was January 4, 2014. Additional time is required and we extend the deadline for resolving Case 13-01-005 to December 20, 2014.

This proceeding raises novel questions concerning the Commission's jurisdiction. The parties have provided multiple rounds of briefing on jurisdictional issues, and the Commission is considering those briefs. The Commission needs additional time to prepare a decision.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving

¹ A.13-01-003.

² A.13-01-004.

³ Case 13-01-005.

⁴ Investigation 13-04-003.

adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Catherine J. K. Sandoval is the assigned Commissioner and Douglas Long and Todd Edmister are the assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. Case 13-01-005 was initiated on January 4, 2013.
2. This proceeding raises novel questions that require additional time to decide.

Conclusions of Law

1. The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) should be extended until December 20, 2014.
2. This matter should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The 12-month statutory deadline in Case 13-01-005 is extended until December 20, 2014.
2. Application (A.) 13-01-003, A.13-01-004, Case 13-01-005, and Investigation 13-04-003 remain open.

This order is effective immediately.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.